GlobalResearch
Center for Research on Globalization

What Does Venezuela Have to Do with Israel?

It may have friends that Netanyahu does not like

By Philip Giraldi
Global Research, January 12, 2026

Region: Latin America & Caribbean, Middle East & North Africa, USA
Theme: Intelligence

*It is interesting to observe how United States foreign policy, such as it is, often appears to have an Israeli back story that explains at least in part how **Donald Trump's** mindless aggression against much of the world is driven by Zionist imperatives rather than actual American interests. Ukraine is supported by Israel and the US Israel Lobby in part because the roots of many diaspora and Israeli Jews are "Kazarian," i.e. they derive from that part of Eastern Europe. Plus, Ukraine's acting head of state **Volodymyr Zelensky** is a Jew whose mother and father reportedly live in Israel in a posh residence paid for by the money stolen by their son from US and European donations to Kiev to fight Russia.*

To read this article in the following languages, click the **Translate Website button** below the author's name.

Español, Hebrew, Farsi, Русский, □□, Portugues, Français, عربـــي, Deutsch, Italiano, □□□, □□□, Türkçe, Српски. And 40 more languages.

Also, the Jewish antipathy towards Moscow in large part derives from the belief that Imperial Russia was the source of many pogroms in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. That narrative fails, however, to mention how Russian Jews turned Bolshevik and, becoming enforcers of the Communist Revolution, subsequently got their revenge a hundred-fold on Russian and other Eastern European Christians.

And, of course, it has been frequently observed how US policy in the Middle East is essentially dictated by war criminal **Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu**, who *de facto* controls both Trump and the US Congress. The Israel Lobby also has significant input into what goes on in state and local government levels and has considerable control over what appears in the national media, which they increasingly own thanks to the efforts of Jewish billionaires like **Larry Ellison**. This ability to use money to manipulate politics and government has been manifested in the ability to suppress free speech in the United States when the topic is Israel's abhorrent behavior towards the Palestinians and its other neighbors. Criminalizing antisemitism, which includes any criticism of Israel, has become the *crime du jour* to silence opposition to pro-Zionist agendas at both federal and state level and it has also been used to eliminate Palestinian support at universities and in the job market. Beyond that, the US State Department is now demanding access to the social media of visa

applicants so that those who are supporters of the Palestinian cause can be blocked from entry into the United States. This is what Jewish power in America is all about.

It is interesting to note the somewhat unexpected Israeli and Jewish hand in recent US aggression directed particularly against Venezuela. There are several main reasons for the Venezuela hit. Caracas developed a close relationship with Iran through its negotiations over BRICS and has unambiguously sided with Palestine in denouncing the Zionist war crimes and crimes against humanity. This clearly was impressed upon Donald Trump and his *consiglieri* by the Israelis and members of the Israeli Lobby like **Miriam Adelson and Laura Loomer** who have full access to the president and who no doubt were able to convince the Orangeman that he would be able to benefit by striking against an ally of a common enemy of the US and Israel with one fell swoop.

Trump could and did plead nevertheless that he was only applying his heavily promoted "corollary to the Monroe Doctrine," which he inevitably dubbed the "Donroe Doctrine," and which was explicit in the new National Security Strategy. But he surely knew that he would also at the same time be satisfying the demands of his Jewish donors and Netanyahu himself, who undoubtedly raised the issue of Venezuela with the president and his staff on his recent visit to Florida.

So the possibility that there just might be a relationship between Venezuela and Iran has become something that is exploitable by the Israel Lobby and also by Trump. On his recent visit, Benjamin Netanyahu was quick to identify the issue and no doubt also personally pushed for Trump to do something right away. Bibi also appeared on US television and told one interviewer that

> Iran is "exporting terrorism… to Venezuela. They're in cahoots with the Maduro regime… this has got to change."

The Israelis also see ties between Caracas and both Hamas and Hezbollah, a claim that has been echoed in the US national-Zionist-at-all-times media.

To cite only one example of how it works, *Fox News* has published an article claiming Maduro's Venezuela has become "Hezbollah's most important base of operations in the Western Hemisphere, strengthened by Iran's growing footprint and the Maduro regime's protection." Ultra-Zionist US Ambassador to Israel **Mike Huckabee**, not to be outdone, later doubled down, stating publicly that the US overthrow of Maduro was good news for Israel because of Venezuela's partnership with Iran and Hezbollah.

The New York Times meanwhile has soft-pedaled its news coverage of the Caracas attack and instead has featured several prominent Zionist opinion contributors who have argued that for those Middle Eastern connections alone Venezuela has deserved everything that it has so far received at the hands of the US military. The always reliable Israeli firster Bret Stephens opined that *There Were Good Reasons to Depose Maduro* citing the Venezuelan Vice-and-Acting President Delcy Rodríguez having "claimed Maduro's capture had 'Zionist undertones,' suggesting that her grip on reality may not be what the [Trump] administration hopes."

And on the same day in *The Times* there appeared good old reliable **Elliott Abrams** in his *A Defense of US Intervention in Venezuela* claiming that he knows things about the threat posed by Venezuela that no one else seems to be aware of aside from him and his Zionist

buddies. He states that

> "…they have invited into Venezuela Cuban thugs, and Hezbollah and Iran, as well as Russia and China. So, it's a security issue for the whole region, again, including for the United States. For Hezbollah, for example, and Iran, we know that the Maduro regime gave them blank passports so that agents of Iran and Hezbollah could be moving around Latin America and elsewhere under false identities. We know that Iran has helped not only give drones to the Venezuelan military, but helped them learn how to build drones. We know from the Israeli experience with Iran, drones can go a very long distance now. We're talking about drones that can hit not only Puerto Rico, but hit the continental United States. When I was in the State Department doing this about five years ago, Iran was contemplating giving intermediate-range missiles, which could reach the United States, to the Maduro regime in Venezuela. So this is an actual security threat in Latin America and to us."

So Israel and its friends were no doubt delighted when Donald Trump decided to attack Venezuela and kidnap its president **Nicolas Maduros.** Netanyahu personally thanked Washington after the Venezuela attack took place, tweeting that

> "Congratulations, President @realDonaldTrump for your bold and historic leadership on behalf of freedom and justice. I salute your decisive resolve and the brilliant action of your brave soldiers."

Image: Delcy Rodriguez (Source: Peoples Dispatch)

Perhaps this extra agenda in support of Israel explains why Venezuelan **Acting President Delcy Rodriguez** has herself gone on television to say her country will not be "cowed" by Washington. As Bret Stephens maintains, she also believes that

> "Venezuela is the victim and target of an attack of this nature, which undoubtedly has Zionist undertones. It is truly shameful."

To be sure there is one thing that is true, that as Venezuela is critical of Israeli war crimes, its government has broken diplomatic relations with Tel Aviv and recognized Palestinian statehood. It might therefore very plausibly be suggested that Netanyahu, speaking for his government, which in return has been openly supporting regime change in Venezuela, played the decisive role in convincing his pliable tool Trump to move on Caracas sooner rather than later when they met recently in Mar-del-Lago.

So the attack on Venezuela has opened the door to all kinds of complications and intrigue. Given the ability of the Israelis to manipulate an ignorant and confused Trump, who now claims his policies are guided only by his "morality" rather than "international rule of law,"

the next developments will almost certainly include a joint Israel-US attack on Iran. And when that initiative has run out there will certainly be still more enemies of Israel to confront. And what will be the benefit for the average American when all the costs and deaths are counted after it is all over? As usual, "Nothing!"

*

Click the share button below to email/forward this article. Follow us on Instagram and X and subscribe to our Telegram Channel. Feel free to repost Global Research articles with proper attribution.

This article was originally published on The Unz Review.

***Philip M. Giraldi, Ph.D.**, is Executive Director of the Council for the National Interest, a 501(c)3 tax deductible educational foundation (Federal ID Number #52-1739023) that seeks a more interests-based U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. Website is https://councilforthenationalinterest.org address is P.O. Box 2157, Purcellville VA 20134 and its email is inform@cnionline.org.*

He is a Research Associate of the Centre for Research on Globalization (CRG).

Featured image is from TUR

Global Research is a reader-funded media. We do not accept any funding from corporations or governments. Help us stay afloat. Click the image below to make a one-time or recurring donation.

The original source of this article is Global Research
Copyright © Philip Giraldi, Global Research, 2026

Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page

Become a Member of Global Research

Articles by: **Philip Giraldi**

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will

not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca